

THE EAGLE

St. John's Weekly Newsletter June 16, 2024

Happy Father's Day!

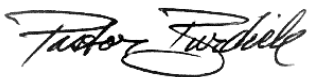
4:00 p.m. June 16

Divine Service of Installation as Rev. Trey Dille becomes our Associate Pastor

Back on April 27, Trey and Katie Dille visited St. John's, just days after hearing that he had been called as our associate pastor. They met me here at church and we went directly into the sanctuary, where we prayed in thanksgiving for this new partnership in the Gospel, asking the Lord of the Church to bless you, us, and the future of our church with wisdom, faith, and faithfulness. I am exceedingly glad that they are here now, and I bet you are, too. In the coming months he will get to know you and our mission more. Welcome him and Katie, pray for them, and keep the eyes of your faith firmly on the Lord of the Church, Jesus.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dille will take the adult Bible study time (Sunday, 9:15 a.m.) for a meet and greet with you. Come, get to know him and Katie better. Find out why he went to the seminary, why he's an Ohio State fan, and what kind of dog they will soon have. Help him to learn more about St. John's, and why our mission is to "Proclaim the Christ, Grow the Family, Love the Neighbor."

Welcome, Pastor and Katie! In Christ,



P.S. Throughout June I'm including Eagle notes about the gift of marriage according to God's design. Last week you read the Statements of Intent in the Holy Matrimony Service. This week I'm inserting the "Introduction" to the service, because it teaches so much about the nature and blessings of marriage. You will find it on page 3.



Lutheran High School Exploration



Pastor Stephen Keiser, of Plano, TX., is a consultant through our Synod to help our multi-congregation Steering Committee explore the possibility of a Lutheran High School in our county. He will be in our area July 1-2 to hear from congregational and community members. Perhaps you have heard that our Steering Committee is exploring this being a "Classical" Lutheran High School. Classical is old, not new, and we know that many of us don't know what "Classical" could be. Unwrapping that term and system is a large task, but here is a working definition with which we have been working: **"A classical Lutheran education is a formative education designed to incline the child toward that which is true, good, and beautiful through the liberal arts and sciences guided by the great literature, art, music, and ideas of Western civilization and all enfolded by Holy Scripture with the merciful assurance of Jesus Christ as the eternal fulfillment of truth, goodness, and beauty for us."** Want to read more? There are others, but one possible resource for you is the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education, www.ccle.org

Exploration of a possible Lutheran High School in Effingham County continues through the work of a steering committee. Laura Galvan and Pastor Burdick serve on that committee. A consultant from our Synod's "Genesis Project" will be in the area July 1-2 to help us conduct interest surveys as part of our feasibility study. We pray, "Thy will be done."

Mandy Einhorn has resigned as our office assistant here at Church. We appreciate the substitute secretarial help we are receiving from various people now, and we will soon move forward with hiring a new office assistant. Thanks for your patience and help. If you previously sent email to Mandy at her church address, please now send it to office@stjohnsL.CMS.net.

Thank you.

Response to the Gospel
Our Attendance Last Week

Sunday June 9..... 349
 Sunday School..... 22
 Adult Bible Study..... 65

Our Offerings

General Fund.....\$6,781.50
 Online Offering.....\$5,105.25
Total Gen. Fund Offering \$11,886.75

Door Change

The east door off of Cherry Street beneath the bell tower is always an exit, but is no longer an entrance for Services. We're sorry for the inconvenience to those who have used it in the past, and we thank you for your patience as we prioritize safety by limiting the number of entrances into the building. Thank you.

LIFE QUOTE From Lutherans for Life

"I can finally perceive that God put some of the most difficult neighbors in my life at some of the most difficult times in order to bring me to the end of myself. Jesus didn't say that what God asks us to do would be easy. What God asks is impossibly difficult if God were not actually alongside us, helping us every step of the way. But the good news is that He is alongside us, helping us every step of the way."

Donna Harrison, M.D., American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Stewardship Moment

Mark 4:34 – “He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.” How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore, let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments — and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

Thank you to every volunteer with our Vacation Bible School this week. Youth and adults worked together to give kids God's grace and truth. **We thank God for all of you.** Special thanks to the Youth Board members who organized it all. Thank you!

Pastor Fortkamp at Immanuel

Pastor Jim Wright has been called from Immanuel, Altamont to Trinity in Berrien Springs, Michigan. We will miss him. Area pastors are going to help in various ways with the vacancy at Immanuel. Pastor Fortkamp will be preaching at Immanuel on at least two Sundays each month, and will continue to help with visitations there. Pastor Fortkamp will also continue to be our visitation pastor here at St. John's.

“This Weeks Sunday School Lesson”

Lesson 8

2 Kings 18:1-13, 28-35; 19:14-20, 32-37

Today's lesson, "The Praying King," tells the account of Hezekiah. When Hezekiah becomes king over Judah, he removes the altars and idols. Having conquered Israel, the king of Assyria attacks Judah, mocking Hezekiah and God. Reassured by the prophet Isaiah, Hezekiah appeals to God to uphold and protect His people. Isaiah responds by prophesying the defeat of Sennacherib's army. That night, the angel of the Lord strikes down 185,000 of the Assyrians.

Food Pantry

Donations needed for June are peanut butter, 4 pk pudding cup, sloppy joe/Manwich & fruit.

Save the Dates

Rummage Sale: August 1st-August 3rd

Drop off dates & times:

Sun., July 28th from noon – 1pm

Mon., July 29th from noon – 6pm

Tues., July 30th from 4pm – 6pm

Golf Outing Sat., Sept. 14th

Prayer List

Doris Mueller, Lorri Mayberry, Bernetta Marxman, Dwight Klepzig, Michael Habing, Bert Pruitt, Eileen Wall, Sara Bernhard, Catherine Zumwalt, Cobert Mueller, John Romero, & Rev. Gail Heimgartner.

Thank You!

The baby bottles with donations for The Family Life Center are to be returned on Father's Day.



Introduction to Service of Holy Matrimony

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God and before His Church to witness the union of this man and this woman in holy matrimony. This is an honorable estate instituted and blessed by God in Paradise, before humanity's fall into sin.

In marriage we see a picture of the communion between Christ and His bride, the Church. Our Lord blessed and honored marriage with His presence and first miracle at Cana in Galilee. This estate is also commended to us by the apostle Paul as good and honorable. Therefore, marriage is not to be entered into inadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, deliberately, and in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted by God.

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for the mutual companionship, help, and support that each person ought to receive from the other, both in prosperity and adversity. Marriage was also ordained so that man and woman may find delight in one another. Therefore, all persons who marry shall take a spouse in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust, for God has not called us to impurity but in holiness. God also established marriage for the procreation of children who are to be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord so that they may offer Him their praise.

For these reasons God has established the holy estate that _____ and _____ wish to enter. They desire our prayers as they begin their marriage in the Lord's name and with His blessing.



A Dollar for Missions

The current DFM Project is to replace the furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb. It is a great blessing that all four of CID's campus ministries are headquartered in facilities located very near the campuses they serve. Three of the four are owned by the District, one of which is Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb. It is one block away from Western Illinois University.

Church services are held at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday in the student center's Chapel of St. Timothy the Learner. Students attend, as well as members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, CID's partner in campus ministry in Macomb. On Wednesday evenings, students are invited to meals prepared by church member families in the student center kitchen, prior to the weekly Bible Study session also in the student center. The pastor's office and church office for Immanuel, Macomb are located in the center, highly accessible to students.

The student center celebrated the 50th anniversary about 5 years ago. Now furnaces need to be replaced. This mission project is to provide \$25,000 for furnace replacement to keep the student center both operational & operating for years into the future.

Please place your "Dollar For Missions" gifts in the DFM box in the Atrium each week.

Man Up! Wrap Up!

All men who were part of our study of the book Man Up! will gather at the Stremmings' pond on Sunday, June 30, at 4:00pm. We'll fish for bass and bluegill, and then fry them up. You have received an email with directions and details. After supper, we'll pray for God's help to live as the men He has designed us to be in our various callings.

CALENDAR-----June 16 – June 22, 2024

Sunday	16	8:00 a.m.	Worship Services w/HC
		9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/HC
		4:00 p.m.	Installation of Pastor Dille
Monday	17	Noon	Board of Evangelism
		1:00 p.m.	Cemetery Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Catechism Bible Study
Tuesday	18		
Wednesday	19	1:00 p.m.	Office Staff Meeting
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Youth
Thursday	20		
Friday	21		Pastor Burdick's Sabbath
Saturday	22	8:00 a.m.	Praise Band Practice
		5:30 p.m.	Worship Service w/HC

Birthdays This Week

- 0/16 Clinton Weber, Hope Brinkopf, Jo Budde, & Kelsey Rentfro
- 6/17 Donald Wendte
- 6/18 Carol Hulskotter, Karine Castillo, & Sara Jennings
- 6/19 Lorri Mayberry, Mary Dasenbrock, & Thad Genaust
- 6/20 Gabriel Walker, Gus Koester, & Tom Sigg
- 6/21 Gayle Robbins, Mason Stewart, & Max Stewart
- 6/22 Kolton Westjohn & Larry Quickstall

Anniversaries This Week

- 6/16/84 Terry & Laura Braun
- 6/16/12 Thomas & Alyson Followell
- 6/18/05 Jake & Erin Wendling
- 6/18/11 Tyler & Stacey Hagerstrom
- 6/18/16 Zachary & Monica Scott
- 6/20/65 Ron & Carol Lading
- 6/20/81 John & Paulena Romero
- 6/20/81 Gary & Cathy Norris
- 6/20/88 Randy & Erica Hansen
- 6/21/08 Don & Haley Brown
- 6/21/14 Derek & Andrea Storm

